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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) A method of opening a closed gate valve comprising:
providing a valve override system comprising:

an engagement means being adapted for engaging a gate of the
gate valve assembly such that said engagement means is
for urging the gate of the gate valve assembly into an open
position to allow fluid to pass through the gate valve
assembly;

said engagement means comprising a rigid elongate member, said
rigid elongate member being adapted for extending through
a casing of the gate valve assembly such that said rigid
elongate member engages a bottom edge of the gate of the
gate valve assembly;

said rigid elongate member having threads, said threads of said
rigid elongate member being adapted for threadably
engaging the casing of the gate valve assembly, said rigid
elongate member being adapted for being rotated with
respect to the casing of the gate valve assembly for
changing the length of said rigid elongate member
positioned in the gate valve assembly to actuate the gate of
the gate valve assembly;

an inhibiting member being adapted for selectively engaging the
casing of the gate valve assembly, said inhibiting member
being adapted for inhibiting environmental communication